History 503: Ancient Rome
Spring 2013
TH 4-6:40pm PSFA 308

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Course Description:
This course concentrates on Ancient Roman History from the founding of the city in the eighth century B.C.E. to the collapse of the Western Empire in the fifth century C.E. The history of Rome is the story of how a city-state first unified the Italian peninsula under its military and political leadership; how it then developed into a Mediterranean Empire; and how it finally lost political and military control of its empire. As we read a modern narrative history of Rome and the works of Roman and Greek historians, we will examine how Rome acquired and governed its territory; under what forms of government and under whose leadership the affairs of the Roman People were administered; and what causes led to the breakup of the Roman Empire.

Required Texts:
A Brief History of the Romans, eds. Boatwright, Gargola, and Talbert
As the Romans Did: A Sourcebook in Roman Social History, Second Edition, ed. Shelton

Grading:
Quizzes 20% (the lowest score will be dropped)
Midterm 25%
Paper 20%
Final 35%

Grades (including final grades) will be determined on a percentage basis according to the following schedule:

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Quizzes: There will be six quizzes throughout the semester as noted on the syllabus. The hope is that these quizzes will encourage you to keep up with your readings. The two lowest grades will be dropped. For this reason, you cannot make up a quiz.

Midterm: The midterm will be one hour in length. It will consist of multiple choice, identifications, and an essay. Consistent attendance and close readings of all assignments are absolutely necessary to do well on this exam.

Paper: The paper (6-8 typed, double-spaced pages) must be turned in during class on the assigned due date. Late papers will be penalized five points per day. See the attached sheet for the paper topic.
Final Exam: The final exam will be two hours in length. It will consist of multiple choice, identifications, and essays. Again, consistent attendance and close readings of all assignments are absolutely necessary to do well on this exam.

Academic Integrity: Violations of academic integrity will not be tolerated. For the University’s definition of cheating and plagiarism, see: http://csrr.sdsu.edu/cheating-plagiarism.html. If you have additional questions about what constitutes plagiarism, ask! All violations of academic honesty will be reported to the Dean of Students and may result in expulsion from SDSU.

Schedule: (Subject to Change)

**Week One: Early Italy**

Thursday, January 17: Introduction

**Week Two: The Regal Period**

Thursday, January 24
- Boatwright: Chap. 2
- Livy: Selections on course website

**Week Three: The Early Republic**

Thursday, January 31
- Boatwright: Chap. 3
- Polybius: Bk. 6 at http://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Polybius/6*.html
- Quiz #1

**Week Four: Roman Expansion**

Thursday, February 7
- Boatwright: Chap. 4
- Shelton: Chap. 11 (“The Army during the Republican Period”)

**Week Five: The Gracchi**

Thursday, February 14
- Boatwright: Chap. 5
- Shelton: Chap. 7 (“Agriculture”)
- Quiz #2

**Week Six: Beginnings of Revolution**

Thursday, February 21
- Boatwright: Chap. 6
- Shelton: Chap. 12 (all)
Week Seven: Rise of the Warlords

Thursday, February 28
Boatwright: Chap. 7 (pp. 119-129; up to “Roman Women”)
Shelton: Chap. 8 (all)
Quiz #3

Week Eight: Roman Women

Thursday, March 7
Boatwright: Chap. 7 (pp. 129-141)
Shelton: Chap. 13 (all)
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Week Nine: The First Triumvirate and Caesar

Thursday, March 14
Boatwright: Chap. 8

Week Ten: The Second Triumvirate

Thursday, March 21
Boatwright: Chap. 9 (pp. 167-179; up to “Octavian as Sole Ruler”)
Quiz #4

Week Eleven: Augustus

Thursday, March 28
Boatwright: Chap. 9 (pp. 180-200)
Shelton: Chap. 3 (all)

April 1-5: Spring Break

Week Twelve: Dysfunctional Dynasty

Thursday, April 11
Boatwright: Chap. 10
Quiz #5
Week Thirteen: The Empire and its Provinces

Thursday, April 18
   Boatwright: Chap. 11

Week Fourteen: Instability Returns

Thursday, April 25
   Boatwright: Chap. 12
   Quiz #6
   Outline and Bibliography Due

Week Fifteen: Restructuring the Empire

Thursday, May 2
   Boatwright: Chap. 13
   Shelton: Chap. 15 (“Christianity”)
   Paper Due